

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, In May 1906, George Alexander Gunderson came to Codington County, South Dakota to view and purchase the present Gunderson Homestead. On June 11, 1906, Julius and Louise Moss signed the deed to purchase the land over to George; and,

Whereas, In March 1907, George and his wife, Henrietta Louise Rue Gunderson, arrived at Summit, South Dakota, by train from Ridgeway, Iowa; and,

Whereas, The homestead is located 15 miles southwest of Summit and 17 miles north of Watertown on the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Reservation; and,

Whereas, Prior to moving to the homestead, George farmed and managed a route for a creamery and Louise taught school; and,

Whereas, While George farmed the homestead, he was successful in expanding the farming operations, helped build township roads and assisted with the construction of Bergan Lutheran Church as a charter member; and,

Whereas, George and Louise were blessed with six children: Gladys, Blanche, Gerald, Harriet, George and Orrin; and,

Whereas, In 1944, George and Louise sold the farm to son, Orrin, and his wife, Lois; retired and moved to Watertown; and,

Whereas, Orrin L. and Lois continued to expand the farming operation; parented two children: Colleen and Orrin; transferred the land to the Orrin L. Gunderson Trust soon after their retirement, but continued to live on the farm until Orrin L. passed away in August 2003; and,

Whereas, Lois continues to own the farm trust and a family celebration will be held on July 22, 2006, to commemorate its 100th Anniversary:

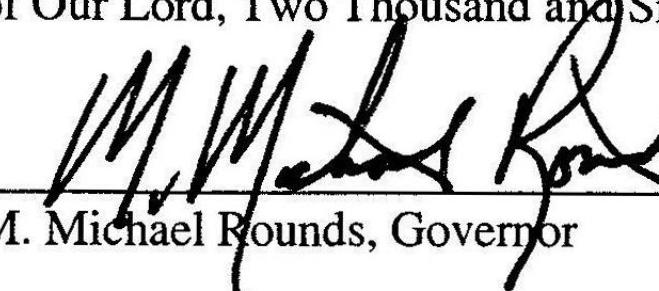
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 22, 2006, as

GUNDERSON FAMILY FARM DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State